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AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as indicated below in the following replacement paragraphs. Strikeout indicates deleted text, while underlining indicates added text.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 26, with the following:

In U.S. Patent No. ~~5,923,419~~ 5,932,419 (Bauer et al.) a method for improved site-directed mutagenesis is described wherein the introduction of a mutation into circular DNA of interest is accomplished by means of mutagenic primer pairs that are selected so as to contain at least one mutation site with respect to the target DNA sequence, the primer pairs being at least partially complementary to each other and the mutation site being within the area of complementarity. The mutant DNA is then produced by extending the primer pairs against the template circular DNA using the linear cyclic amplification reaction.